REMARKS

Claims 1-22 are pending in the application. Claims 1-8 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Hurley taken alone. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is requested.

Claim Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-8 and 19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Hurley et al. (U.S. Pat. No. 6,678,882) taken alone. In view of the following remarks, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection is respectfully requested.

The present invention comprises a system for communicating at least one package of information over a network 16 (See Fig. 1). The system includes a packager 12 which packages data 18 and a permissions database 20 for transmission over the network 16 to a client computer 17. In alternate embodiments, the packager 12 may also package encryption software 22 and client software 24 along with the data 18 and permissions database 20.

In operation, the packager 12 takes the data 18 and the permissions database 20 and packages them into a computer executable package file 14 which includes a Package Global Unique Identifier (PGUID). The executable file 14 is then transmitted over the network 16 to the client computer 17.

Claim 1 recites:

> A method for packaging information comprising the steps of: receiving a file of data for packaging; receiving a permissions database having one or more permissions associated with the file of data, the one or more permissions governing a client's use of the file; generating a package global unique identifier; generating a package of data comprising the file, the one or more permissions and the global unique identifier; encrypting the package; and generating a computer executable file comprising the encrypted package. [emphasis added].

Thus, claim 1 requires a method for packaging information which includes steps of "generating a package global unique identifier" and "generating a package of data comprising the file, the one or more permissions and the global unique identifier." As explained below, Hurley fails to disclose, teach or suggest such an invention.

Hurley teaches a collaborative model for facilitating among other functions the sharing, replication and distribution of a Subject 500 (e.g., software) to a plurality of Agents 516 (See Fig. 2). The Agents 516 may comprise humans, organizations, or software systems (see, col. 26, lines 6-10). In the case where the Agents 516 comprise software systems, the inventors note that such software systems may be associated with specific access control lists and access permissions (see, col. 26, lines 6-10).

The Agents 516 are coupled to a Client 510 which makes access requests to a Replicant 504 on behalf of the Agents. The Replicant 504 is, in turn, coupled to the Subject 500 through a Replicant Monitor 508, and makes copies of the Subject 500 for use by the Agents 516.

Hurley fails to disclose, teach or suggest a method for packaging information which includes steps of "generating a package global unique identifier" and "generating a package of data comprising the file, the one or more permissions and the global unique identifier," as recited in claim 1. Even assuming the Agent 516 shown in Figure 2 of Hurley comprises a software system including "a file of data" and a "permissions database" as recited in claim 1 (which the Applicant does not assume), neither the Agent 516 nor the Client 510 generates a "package global unique identifier" or generates "a package of data comprising the file, the one or more permissions and the global unique identifier." In fact, Hurley nowhere discloses, teaches or suggests generating a package identifier or a package file. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection with respect to claims 1-5 is respectfully requested.

Independent claim 6 recites similar limitations to those discussed above with respect to independent claim 1. In particular, claim 6 recites a machine readable medium (e.g., disk) which includes a package with a "package global unique identifier." As discussed above, Hurley fails to disclose, teach or suggest a package including a "package global unique identifier." Hurley also fails to disclose, teach or suggest a "receiver global unique identifier" which is additionally specified in claim 6. Hence, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection with respect to claims 6-8 is respectfully requested.

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With respect to independent claim 19, that claim now recites:

> A system that communicates a package of information comprising:
> a machine readable medium having <u>information packaging
> software that generates a computer executable file comprising a
> package of information</u>, the package of information comprising:
> file of data; a permissions database having one or more
> permissions associated with the file of data; and encryption
> software; a network in communication with the machine readable
> medium; and a client computer system in communication with the
> network, <u>the computer system adapted to receive the package of
> information and execute the computer executable file</u>, the
> computer system having a client permissions database and a vault
> adapted to receive the package of information. [emphasis added].

Thus, claim 19 requires a system including a machine readable medium (e.g., disk) with "information packaging software" loaded thereon, and a client computer "adapted to receive [a] package of information and execute [a] computer executable file." Hurley fails to disclose, teach or suggest such an invention.
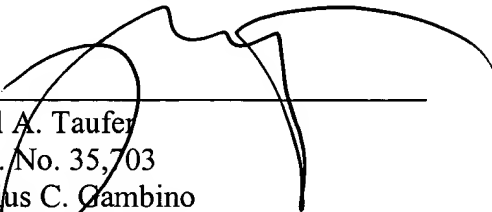
As discussed above, Hurley teaches a collaborative model for facilitating sharing, replication and distribution of a Subject 500 (e.g., software) to a plurality of Agents 516 (See Fig. 2).

Hurley fails to disclose, teach or suggest a system including a machine readable medium with "information packaging software" loaded thereon, and a client computer "adapted to receive [a] package of information and execute [a] computer executable file," as recited in claim 19. Again, even assuming the Agent 516 shown in Figure 2 of Hurley comprises a software system including "a file of data" and a "permissions database" as recited in claim 19 (which the Applicant does not assume), neither the Agent 516 nor the Client 510 include "information packaging software." Further, no element of the system taught by Hurley is "adapted to receive [a] package of information" generated by the information packaging software, and "execute [a] computer executable file." Therefore, reconsideration and withdrawal of this ground of rejection with respect to claim 19 is respectfully requested.

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Conclusion

In view of the foregoing remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance at an early date, which action is earnestly solicited.

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